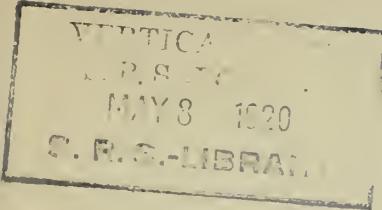


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The important address of Dr. A. C. True, Director of the States Relations Service, delivered at the Inter-state Conference of the white and negro extension workers held at Hampton, Virginia, April 8, 1920, is quoted below to arouse new interest in the Negro problems under consideration.

"The cooperative education extension movement is gaining strength throughout the country and is securing the backing of the intelligent farming people. The immediate problem in extension work is that of securing efficient service with the Government funds in sight. This conference has been a revelation to me.

"The employment of negro agents has been so well established that I feel the work will be developed further. Frank talk has brought out actual conditions. Extension workers ought to go away from this conference hopeful of the development of extension work as a whole.

"There has been a tendency to reduce the number of agents. While the extension work has held and won many friends, we cannot afford to relax our efforts. Campaigns of education and organization must be carried forward. We need to secure competent workers and give them better pay. Farmers are becoming more critical. They want better agents than they have ever had. We must work patiently and progressively. The spirit of service that has animated extension work, especially in the South, is remarkable.

"In the negro work we have a body of agents who are doing good service and should be encouraged. Larger development and more useful results will come. With this conference at Hampton and with others like it, we shall be in a better position to judge of the merits, needs, and prospects of the negro work, which Federal and State officers engaged in agricultural and home-economics extension work wish to promote and develop."

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COUNTY AND HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS' MEETINGS ETC.
COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS BY STAFFS.ALABAMA

Mr. Wm. B. Mercier, Assistant Chief of the Office of Extension Work in the South attended the Tuskegee meeting of the directors and the State leaders in the negro work on April 22 and 23.

The Tuskegee Institute Summer School for teachers will be held from June 7 to July 16.

The next convention of the Southern cattlemen will be held at Montgomery about the middle of the winter of 1920.

The Alabama State fair will be held at Birmingham, October 4 to 9.

ARKANSAS

The second annual Farmers' Summer Short Course will be held at the University, Fayetteville, on August 17 to 20. This office will always feel an especial interest in the activities of this State as Dr. Bradford Knapp, the new dean of the College of Agriculture was for a long time Chief of the Office of Extension Work in the South.

A short course will be held at Russellville at the district agricultural school beginning July 5. Miss Mary Keown is urged to be present.

A Negro Farm Congress will be held at the Branch Normal School at Pine Bluff, August 10 to 13.

Governor Charles H. Brough of Arkansas will succeed the late Senator Bankhead as president of the United States Good Roads Association.

The 1920 Johnson County fair will be held from October 12 to 16.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. J. A. Evans, Chief of the Office of Extension Work South, presiding over the meetings of the conference held at Hampton, Virginia, of the directors and State leaders in the negro work, calls attention to the following facts:

"The improvement of agriculture in the South involves the problem of reaching negro as well as white farmers. At present there are 220 negro agents (163 men, 57 women), distributed as follows: (a) district supervisors, 4; County agents - Alabama, 24; Arkansas, 10; Florida, 8; Georgia, 13; Kentucky, 3; Louisiana, 12; Maryland, 2; Mississippi, 14; North Carolina, 15; Oklahoma, 9; South Carolina, 7; Tennessee, 6; Texas, 11; Virginia, 24; West Virginia, 1; (b) homemakers - Alabama, 7; Arkansas, 13; Florida, 8; Georgia, 2; Louisiana, 2; Maryland, 1; Mississippi, 11; Oklahoma, 4; Tennessee, 3; Texas, 6. This work has been done at a cost of approximately \$700,000."

Mr. Evans also commended Hampton Institute as having offered a specific course to train home and farm demonstration agents - "a step" he said "in advance of all other colleges." He also declared that to secure racial understanding the white agents and negro agents must do good and definite work.

Mr. Evans and Mr. Mercier attended a similar meeting at Tuskegee, Alabama, on April 22 and 23, after which Mr. Evans proceeded to the third, held at Prairie View, Texas, and Mr. Mercier, after visiting the states of Louisiana and Mississippi, returned to fulfil the duties of acting chief of the office in the absence of Mr. Evans.

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Among other plans of excellence recently adopted by this office is that of holding a weekly conference of the scientific force each Monday at 10 a. m. At this conference the chief, assistant chief, and others in authority make a complete survey of all lines of the work, giving careful attention to details and thereby stimulating a desire in everyone for better service.

Mr. J. A. Evans received notice from Dr. C. B. Smith of the Office of Extension Work in the North and West, of a conference of farm management demonstrators to be held in Washington City, June 15 to 22. The Southern States are invited, if so inclined, to send specialists to this conference. Mr. H. C. Case of the Office of Extension North and West is chairman of the committee.

Secretary E. T. Meredith has appealed to the city men, college students, and others to spend their vacations on the farms, particularly as helpers in harvest fields.

"Farmers will be the balance wheel of the Nation in the trying days of readjustment that are ahead."

Bill H. R. 11312 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to farmers in the drought stricken or storm stricken sections of the United States for the purchase of seed for 1920 spring planting.

Certainly the very heart of the States Relations Service work is touched by the Secretary in his article published in the Weekly News Letter, entitled, "The aim and value of boys' and girls' club work."

The Department of Agriculture is called upon to sustain another loss in the resignation of the Assistant Secretary, Hon. Jas. R. Riggs. The resignation became effective March 31.

A strict quarantine has been issued by the Department against the Japanese beetle.

Farm congresses of short courses will be held in the four States west of Mississippi River. Texas the first, Louisiana not determined, Arkansas the third, and Oklahoma the fourth week in August.

The Office of Extension Work South is glad to see Mr. Lemuel W. Owen placed in charge of the States Relations Service Duplicating Section. He has always been a pleasant worker, ever ready to lend a kind and helpful hand to his fellow clerks.

Miss Frances Faulconer has just returned from quite an extended tour through the West, and it is a satisfaction to see her return to her labors with fresh zeal.

The following are the permanent officers of the Federation of Farm Bureaus:

President, J. R. Howard, Clemons, Ia.; vice-president, I. S. Strivings, New York; executive secretary, J. W. Coverdale, Ames, Ia.; resident representative in charge of the federation in Washington, D. C., Gray Silver, W. Va.

The two specialists, Messrs. Burke and Russell will be sent by the Department of Agriculture about June 1, to South America to establish relationships between the United States and South America. This will increase the trade in all classes of purebred animals. The specialists will go direct to Buenos Aires and from that point proceed to Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.

FLORIDA

Seedmen from every Southern State will be present at a convention held in Jacksonville on June 7.

An advisory committee was appointed by the directors of the experiment station and the extension service of this State to work out the standardizing of the fertilizer formulas used here.

Suwannee County feels proud of the statement made by County Agent D. A. Armstrong that during the last six months \$426,389.00 in hog and \$80,026.00 in poultry shipments were made in the county.

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FLORIDA. (Cont'd)

The fact that extension work is bringing diversification of crops more and more into practice throughout this State is shown by the increase in the raising of peanuts and the establishment of mills for making peanut oil.

The Florida State Fair and Exposition will be held at Jacksonville, August 23 to 28.

GEORGIA

Miss Madge Reese is requested to visit and help the State put on an educational milk exhibit at the State and county fairs.

Each county agent has appointed a committee for dairy work and representatives will meet at one place. Rome is now under consideration.

Miss Cresswell plans to have her State district meetings follow immediately after the short courses in South Carolina, held June 4 - 11 so that Miss Ola Powell may come to the meetings from that State.

The Southeastern Fair will be held at Atlanta October 16 to 26. The National hog and cattle show will be held at this fair and Atlanta will also take care of the judging contest.

The Tri-State Exposition will be held at Savannah November 8 to 13.

The Georgia State Fair will be held at Macon October 26 to November 5.

KENTUCKY

The Club Convention will be held at Williamsburg May 25 and 29. Mr. I. W. Hill is requested to be present.

The meeting of the conference on Rural Life and Education will be held at Berea College May 8 to 11.

A meeting of the Henderson County Fruit Growers' Association will be held at Henderson, September 6 and 7. Mr. F. A. Miller has been invited to attend.

Mr. W. C. Hanna, State Capitol Building, Frankfort, is now State Commissioner of Agriculture according to the Kentucky Cooperative Crop Reporting Service, April, 1920.

The State Fair will be held at Louisville, September 13 to 18.

LOUISIANA

The University will open a summer session on June 16 to continue until July 29. Courses are offered in auto-mechanics, agricultural engineering, home economics, etc.

The State Fair of Louisiana will be held at Shreveport October 18 to November 7.

According to the decision on January 29 of the American Jersey cattle show in New York there will be held at the State fair of Louisiana a National Jersey Show.

MARYLAND

Miss McKellar requests Miss Madge Reese to be present on "Farmers' Day" on May 30, at State College and put on an educational milk exhibit.

MISSISSIPPI

The annual agents' meeting will be held at the agricultural college from July 30 to 30, inclusive. Mr. J. A. Evans has been requested to be present on the opening day.

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MISSISSIPPI... (Cont'd)

Mr. Savyly, Agriculturist and Field Agent, will be present at conferences of the agents held at New Albany on May 7 and 8, and at Jackson on May 12.

Judge Truly of Fayette, Jefferson County, has expressed through Miss Mary E. Johnson a desire to have Mr. Frants P. Lund give him information concerning the starting of a fish cannery on his farm in the county.

Mr. Paul F. Newell of Mississippi has been recently appointed in charge of the swine extension work in the State.

All interested in commercial horticulture in Mississippi should attend the meeting of horticulturists to be held at Jackson on May 11 and 12.

The Mississippi-Alabama fair will be held at Meridian October 11 to 16.

The Mississippi State Fair will be held at Jackson October 18 to 23.

NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. I. W. Hill is requested to be present at the encampments to be held in the district of Mr. James M. Gray at the following places:

Avery County.....	Cranberry.....	July 14, 15, 16.
Swain, Jackson, Graham Cos.....	Cherokee Indian School	" 19, 20, 21.
Madison County.....	Marshall.....	" 22, 23, 24.
Buncombe "	Biltmore.....	" 26, 27, 28.
Transylvania.....	Brevard.....	" 29, 30, 31.

Miss Madge Reese has been requested to be present at Asheville the week of May 9, to help put on an educational milk campaign given by the county, home and farm demonstration agents and dairy specialists of the State.

Ninety-seven North Carolina club girls and women get recognition for four years' club work in home economics and are presented with certificates by the State division of home demonstration work.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association meets at Asheville from June 16 to 18, inclusive.

OKLAHOMA

The annual summer meeting of the agents and State Farm Congress will be held at Oklahoma City during the last week in August. Mr. J. A. Evans, Chief of Office of Extension Work South, will make an address.

The Oklahoma Extension News expressed pleasure over the remarks of Mr. E. A. Miller concerning his new territory in the State.

Miss Madge Reese has recently returned from Muskogee where she has made plans with the fair officials and representatives of the extension service and milk dealers of the place for an extensive educational milk and dairy product exhibit which will be put on at the Muskogee Free State Fair next fall.

On March 29, 1920, the Livestock Producers' Association elected officers as follows: President, Frank M. Gault, Oklahoma City; Vice-president, J. J. Gerlach, Woodward; 2nd Vice-president, I. C. Thurmond, Oklahoma City; Secretary and Treasurer, W. R. Martineau, Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma Free State Fair will be held at Muskogee, October 4 to 9. J. W. Hutchings, Secretary.

The 14th annual Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition will be held at Oklahoma City, September 25 to October 2, inclusive. Officers elected, President, J. F. Warren; vice-president, J. M. Owen.

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SOUTH CAROLINA.

The summer school will be held at Clemson College from June 14 to July 24, inclusive. A course in cotton grading will be an important feature.

Farmers' Week will be held from July 24 to 31, inclusive. These dates will not conflict with the summer school courses.

The short course for women and girls will be held at Rockhill, Winthrop College, from June 4 to 11. Mr. J. A. Evans will address the college girls on the morning of June 11.

Mr. O. B. Martin will also make an address at this short course. His preference is for the subject of June 5, "Home Production Cuts the Cost." Mr. Martin states "It means standardization and I think it can be clearly established that it will be profitable both to the producer and consumer if both quality and quantity of production are increased along certain lines."

Miss Ola Powell will be present and take an active part in the work.

Miss Christine South has requested Miss Madge Reese to be present at this short course and help put on exhibits in labor saving devices in homes. Demonstrators from commercial firms will be present.

Mr. C. L. Chambers had an interesting article inclosed to him from Bishopville, giving an account of eleven-year old William Campbell. The first prize winner of York County in boys' corn club work in 1919. It is of interest to mention that this young man was present at the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce dinner given on April 22, at which Mr. Hill and Mr. Chambers were requested to talk on club work.

A series of meetings of the Woman's Council will be held during June and July by Miss Forney, the dairy specialist. Subjects: "A better butter campaign and uses of the steam pressure in canning and cooking."

TFNNFSSEE.

Secretary Meredith has accepted an invitation to speak at Peabody College, Nashville, the third week in June. This will be the closing of the spring season and opening of the summer quarter, therefore an appropriate time for a word from the Secretary to nerve all hearts for fresh action.

The East Tennessee Farmers' Convention will be held at Knoxville on May 18, 19, 20. Miss Martha Thomas, secretary of the Home Makers, requests the Knox County women to take a more active part and extend a cordial welcome to the women of east Tennessee.

Miss Madge Reese has been requested to help the State home demonstration workers plan an Educational milk exhibit to be put on at the State, interstate and county fairs.

The Chattanooga Interstate Fair will be held at Chattanooga October 2 to 9.

The Tri-State Fair will be held at Memphis September 25 to October 2.

The Tennessee State Fair will be held at Nashville September 20 to 25.

TEXAS.

The A. and M. College and the Texas Chamber of Commerce plan to make arrangements after July 31, at the close of the Farmers' Short Course and agents' meeting, to conduct in a special car about 150 farm boys on a tour of education and investigation through the agricultural portions of eighteen Central West, Northern and Southern States - a distance of about 4,000 miles. During this tour a study will be made of the methods employed by the most successful farmers of this progressive State and people. Mr. H. H. Williamson, State agent in charge of the boys' club work of the extension service of the A and M. College will during the latter part of May select the route for this trip. The boys on this tour will be chosen by competitive examination from about 30,000 agricultural members. Only boys who win prizes will be allowed to take part.

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in this trip. Copies of rules concerning this plan may be obtained from the agricultural agent or from the Extension Service, A. and M. College, College Station.

A soil survey of one hundred and six counties of this State has been completed.

The eight week course in automobiles and tractors being held by the engineering department of the A and M. College which began on February 18, will continue to be held every two weeks until June 9.

San Antonio was selected for the next meeting of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association. All of the former officers were reelected.

The citizens of Dallas have voted bonds for the building of a municipal abattoir.

The Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee to consider plans for a district fair to be held at Texarkana this fall. The district comprised by this fair includes eleven counties in Arkansas and three in Texas. This will be the third fair held of this nature and care will be taken that the date may not conflict with the other fairs in this territory.

The Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will be held at Fort Worth, March 10 to 15.

The Texas Cotton Palace Exposition will be held at Waco October 30, to November 14.

The State Fair of Texas will be held at Dallas October 9 to 24; Secretary W. H. Stratton.

VIRGINIA.

A boys short course will be held at Fredericksburg in the first week in August. Mr. Hill and Mr. Chambers are requested to be present.

The county loaf bread contest will be held at the county fair early in the fall and each cooking club member in the county is requested to enter a loaf of bread. The State loaf bread contest will be held at the State Fair at Richmond which will be from October 4 to 14. All of the girls, members of the cooking club of the State, should enter the contest.

Mr. Hutcheson, State director of extension, states that Virginia stands first among the States pledged to use purebred sires.

WFST. VIRGINIA.

At Morgantown, on June 18, four hundred boys and girls, club members of the different States, will attend the Prize Winners Course. This is to run as a State Camp. The culminating feature of this camp will be a wonderful pageant entitled the 4-H ladder. It is to be held on the campus and dramatized by Mrs. McGuire of Wood County.

The State camp will be followed by the county camps running through the months of July and August, under the supervision of Mr. Kendricks and Miss Alvin. At each of these county camps the older club members are chartered and awarded their 4-H if they are up to the 70 per cent standard.

Beginning the middle of May and extending to October, dates of meetings will be given to help cooperate with the communities in the use of the community scorecard. These meetings will be held to teach communities to raise their scores. Twenty-two of these communities have been working on this plan for a year and show great development.